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Longtime Hill Pharmacy Goes Out of Business, Falls Victim to Growing Health Care Squeeze

By Judy Baston

Even in these tough economic times — in which business casualties are often accepted with little more than a shake of the head — the "Going Out of Business" sign on 20th Street's Atchison's Drugs has sent waves of shock and sadness throughout Potrero Hill.

"This truly feels like the end of an era," one regular customer said of the cost-cutting in the health care insurance industry that has forced the neighborhood store to close its doors. And for another patron, the loss of the Hill's only drugstore will mean the neighborhood is losing "the closest thing we have to a small town general store . . . the only place on Potrero Hill where you can really meet the whole spectrum of the neighborhood."

The pharmacy part of the store shut down at the beginning of December, and Cliff Wong, who had worked at Atchison's for 33 years and, with his wife Bernice, had owned the store for the last nine, went to work at the pharmacy at the Safeway store at 16th Street and Potrero Ave. He transferred all prescription records to Safeway as well, noting that it is the closest pharmacy to Potrero Hill (see letter Page 2).

Although Cliff will continue to serve

Potrero Hillers from behind the prescription counter at Safeway, many Atchison's customers know that things simply can't be the same. Gone will be the personal touch of a small, independent neighborhood pharmacy, especially with the service the Wongs provided: friendly conversation, whether about aches and pains, medications or medical bills; concern for financial problems; and even an occasional delivery to customers too ill to pick up their medicine.

The store itself, and the postal substation inside, will remain open until Dec. 22, and with drastically reduced prices on almost all remaining items, Bernice hopes to sell off most of the inventory before the door is locked for the final time.

On Saturday, Dec. 23, the day after the store closes, there will be a potluck party at the Potrero Hill Library, 1616-20th St., right across from the store, so the community can say farewell to the drugstore family.

And so that none of the customers will be forgotten, Bernice urges everyone attending the party to bring a snapshot of themselves, to be put into an album for the Wongs to keep as a memento of all their years in the Potrero Hill store.

The closing will mark the first time in decades that the immediate neighbor-

hood will be without a drug store, falling victim to cost-cutting practices in the insurance industry that leave no room for small, independent neighborhood-based drug stores. Independent druggists are closing all over town, and now, Cliff noted, only two are left on the southeastern part of town. For the Wongs, recounting the independent

pharmacies that closed within the last few years was almost like seeing a list of close friends in the obituary columns. "Let's see . . . who else died last year," Bernice mused.

Most independent pharmacies are being killed off by the move in the

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DPT Commission Approves Permit Parking for Hill

By Jeff Wood

At its regular meeting held Nov. 21, the Parking and Traffic Commission approved the Residential Permit Parking Program (RPPP) for the San Francisco General Hospital area. Commissioner Steve Heminger said the program "will constitute a significant improvement" in the area's parking crunch.

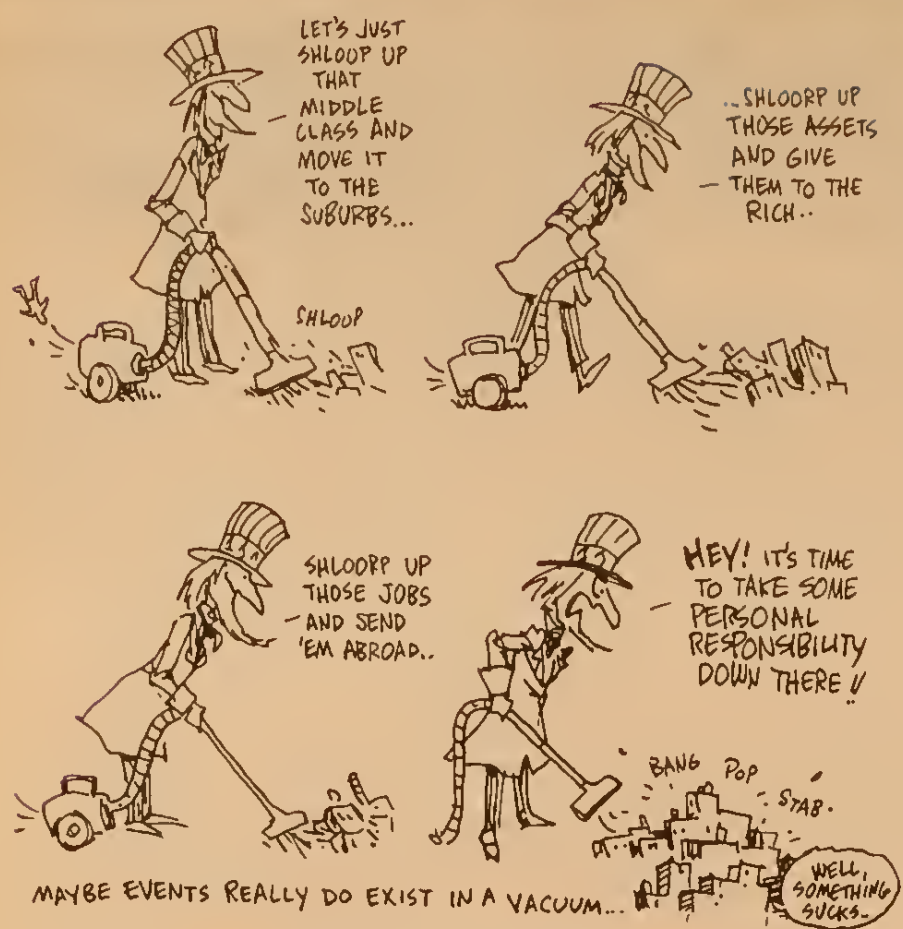
The program, as submitted by the Department of Parking and Traffic (DPT) calls for the blocks surrounding San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH) to be established as a permit parking area with a one hour time limit between 8 a.m. and

6 p.m., Monday through Friday. To exclude residents from the time limits the cost of a permit will be \$21 per vehicle per year. The program is slated to begin with the opening of the SFGH garage in mid-1996.

In response to residents' petitions submitted since the October 5 community meeting about RPPP, its boundaries have been changed. No longer included in the program are: Carolina, Rhode Island, and DeHaro Streets between 22nd and 23rd Streets; Rhode Island between 24th and 26th; and a portion of San Bruno, south of 25th Street.

Unlike the October 5 meeting where

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HOW THE HILL VOTED

MAYOR	Potrero Hill	San Francisco
Willie L. Brown, Jr.	41%	34.8%
Frank Jordan	20	33.2
Roberta Achtenberg	36	27.4
Ben Hom	1.3	3.0
Angela Alioto	.7	.6
Joel Ventresca	.6	.6
Dan Larkosh	.3	.3
Ellis Keyes	.2	.1
DISTRICT ATTORNEY		
Terence Hallinan	51.4	38.3
Bill Pazio	29.4	35.7
Arlo Smith	19.2	26.0
SHERIFF		
Michael Hennessey	84.6	80.0
Art Conger	10.2	15.3
Robert Heimbaugh	5.2	4.7
S.F. PROPOSITIONS	Yes/No	Yes/No
A - City Hall Improvement Bonds	76/24%	69.7/30.3%
B - Underground Storage Bonds	68/32	58.7/41.3
C - Steinhart Aquarium Bonds	83/17	80.2/19.8
D - Suspend Prevailing Wage Rule	73/27	72.9/27.1
E - New City Charter	61/39	57.8/42.2
F - Youth Commission	61/39	59.4/40.6
G - Office of Citizen Complaints	70/30	63.7/36.3
H - Parking and Traffic	21/79	24/76
I - Taxi Cabs	32/68	32.2/67.8
J - Muni Audit	45/55	54.3/45.7
K - City Services	39/61	46.5/53.5
L - Youth Curfew	37/63	45.4/54.6
M - Campaign Spending Limits - 2	30/70	36/64
N - Campaign Spending Limits - 1	76/24	71.1/28.9
O - Army Street/Cesar Chavez Street	39/61	45.2/54.8

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Wongs Say 'Goodbye'

Editor:

We would like to thank the whole community for their support for all these years. We have enjoyed serving our unique and very special Potrero Hill Neighborhood for many years. However, because of the policies of managed healthcare companies, we are forced to close this neighborhood pharmacy. We have tried to survive by cutting our staff, reducing our hours of operation, and reducing our services. However, this year more cuts in healthcare spending have occurred and next year will be worse. Thus we are forced to close now.

May I remind you all who belong to a managed healthcare plan to please stay healthy and hang on for dear life to your physician because he or she is your advocate. We have transferred all our prescription records to Safeway at 16th and Potrero because that has the nearest pharmacy to our neighborhood.

We shall miss you all.

Farewell and Good Luck.

Clifford & Bernice Wong
and the rest of the staff of Atchison's Pharmacy

Thanks to Volunteers

Editor:

On behalf of the Friends of McKinley Square we would like to thank the volunteers who participated in the clean-up on Nov. 4. There were a number of dog owners who helped spread wood chips along the walking path of the dog run area. We also spent the day picking

up pieces of broken glass, garbage, and dog poop. If anyone is not familiar with the dog run area, it is located at San Bruno Ave. and 20th Sts. This area has been approved by Rec & Park as an official dog run area.

The Friends of McKinley Square has been working on this park and playground renovation for almost three years. By the end of this year we will know if we have enough money banked from the Open Space fund for a new playground and automatic sprinkler system. The disabled ramp may be completed by the time of this printing.

There has been much controversy regarding the dogs in the park. We tried to solve one problem by installing a fence around the playground. Since the installation of the fence, many more young children and babies have been using the park. In response to the last two letters in *The View*, although the majority of the dogs are gentle and most owners responsible, there will always be a few who aren't. The bottom line is whether a dog is on the leash or not, the owner must have control over his pet. If someone is having a problem with a dog, the owner should respect those feelings.

That is why our efforts have focused on the west slope. We have cut fennel, cut tree limbs, planted poppies, spread wood chips, and cleaned up all kinds of garbage in the attempt to make this a more desirable place to walk. Our intent is to show Rec & Park why they should terrace and landscape this area and make it safe and usable for everyone.

We invite everyone to get involved, share their ideas and concerns with us to make this a really great park. With your help we can do it!

Frank Nellis
Cathy Franklin
Joan Ryssin-Anthony
for Friends of McKinley Square

Of Nov. 7...and Dec. 12

A look at the statistics in the column to the left show that over three-quarters of Potrero Hill voters cast their ballots for Willie Brown and Roberta Achtenberg on Nov. 7. Other statistics show decisive Hill 'no' votes cast against a number of Mayor Frank Jordan's political initiatives — privatization of public services, more restrictive juvenile curfew, and Muni audit, just to name a few.

And in the race for District Attorney, a majority of Hill voters chose Terence Hallinan, supporting his vision of prosecuting violent crimes as well as environmental, landlord-tenant, health and safety and labor law violations.

No matter what the polls say, it ain't over 'til the final ballot is counted Dec. 12. We hope that everyone who voted for Brown and Hallinan on the first go-round will remember to vote on Dec. 12 and give them your votes in the run-off tally. And especially for the many Potrero Hill residents who voted for Roberta Achtenberg, we hope you will take to heart Achtenberg's immediate endorsement of Brown and give him your vote on Election Day.



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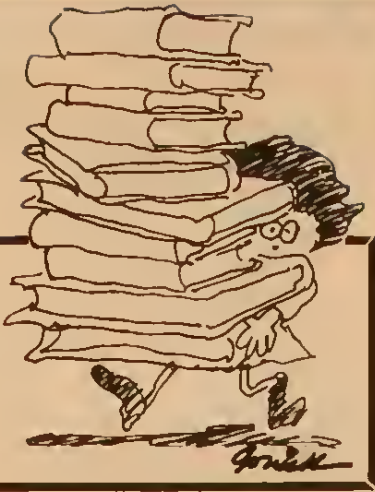
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MAKE WAY FOR VIDEOS

Soon, though we can't say exactly when, the Potrero Branch will offer videos for circulation. We will draw from a backlist of old favorites at the same time as we order new releases. The videos will circulate for three days, and you may borrow up to two titles at a time. There is a fine of \$1 per day for overdue returns.

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DASHING THROUGH THE SEASON

The following is a calendar of holiday activities that the Potrero Branch will host.

* Video Showings: Mr. Magoo's Christmas will be shown on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. "The Little Engine That Could" and "Chicken Little" will be shown on Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

* Here We Go A-Caroling (again): For the third year, holiday carolers will meet at the Potrero Library and scale the hills while gladdening our neighbors with song. Don't miss this warm and fuzzy event: Tuesday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m. (flat shoes, warm clothes, and the more the merrier!).

* Happy Hanukkah to One and All: On Saturday, Dec. 16 at 2 p.m., Carolyn Powers will lead a children's program featuring Happy Hanukkah Songs and Dances. Anyone interested in providing latkes for this program should contact the library at 695-6640.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Infant-Toddler Lapsits are Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. (except Dec. 1). Pre-

school Storytimes are Thursdays at 4 p.m. (except Dec. 1), and Chapter Book Read-Alouds for elementary school-aged children and older are Tuesdays at 7 p.m. We will finish "The Trumpet of the Swan" on Dec. 5, and begin Betsy McDonald's "Mrs. Pigglegwiggle" on Dec. 12.

AUTOGRAPHS AND ORCHIDS

Thanks to children's author and Hill resident Alma Flor Ada for the autographed copy of her book, "The Rooster Who Went to His Uncles' Wedding." Ada is a Christopher Award recipient, and we look forward to inviting her to be a guest storyteller in the near future. And thanks to the Potrero Hill Garden Club for showering us with sprays of white and magenta Thai orchids.

BID ADIEU TO BERNICE AND CLIFF

The giant monopolies have succeeded in driving so many small businesses out of existence. We are sorry to see Atchison's Pharmacy added to that list. Proprietors and friends, Bernice and Cliff Wong have been the library's closest neighbors and helpmates for many, many years. A farewell party for Bernice and Cliff will take place at the library on Dec. 23, between 6-8 p.m.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER

* Sloan, Annie. "Classic Paints and Faux Finishes: how to use natural materials and authentic techniques in today's decorating."

* McCall, Timothy B. "Examining Your Doctor: a patient's guide to avoiding harmful medical care."

* Bouraoui, Nina. "Forbidden Vision." Imaginative voice of a young Muslim woman living in Algeria in the early 1970s — a clear, intelligible psychological page turner.

* Kemske, Floyd. "Human Resources." Kemske gives us an apt metaphor: Corporate "turnaround specialist" as vampire. Stinging satire of contemporary corporate bloodsucking.

* Fenwick, Elizabeth. "Adolescence: the survival guide for parents and teenagers." Everybody home for the holidays? You may find that you'll need this to keep the homefires burning.

* Aber, Linda Williams. "101 Activities for Siblings who Squabble." Ditto.

BOOKS ON ORDER FOR CHILDREN

* Barracca, Sal and Debra. "A Taxi Dog Christmas."

* Blos, Joan W. "The Days Before Now: An Autobiographical Note by Margaret Wise Brown."

* Gray, Libba Moore. "My Mama Had a Dancing Heart."

* George, Dick. "Ruby: The Painting Pachyderm of the Phoenix Zoo."

* Ellis, Sarah. "Out of the Blue."

* Fletcher, Ralph. "Fig Pudding."

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Potrero Branch Librarian

TEN YEARS AGO

In The View

EL SALVADOR: CONTRADICTION AND TERROR:

Potrero Hill priest Father Peter Sammon of St. Teresa's Parish found "a land of contradiction and terror" while in El Salvador with a factfinding delegation of civic leaders. In a report to a conference of congregations that, like St. Teresa's had been providing sanctuary for Salvadoran refugees, Fr. Sammon recounted meetings with diverse groups in El Salvador. These included representatives of Mothers of the Disappeared, Catholic Social Services and church officials. The delegation also met with officials of the U.S. Embassy, who claimed that human rights organizations were "fronts for the main guerilla group fighting the government." Other members of the factfinding group were then-Assemblyman Art Agnos and then-Supervisor Doris Ward.

MISSION BAY PLANNING UNDER FIRE:

"Community and issue groups" were charging that the Mission Bay project planning process "is designed to disenfranchise — rather than involve — them." What were supposed to be small sessions in which community activists could have intensive dialogue with consultants turned out to be "large, unwieldy meetings in which consultants attempt to impose a tight structure that avoids discussion of policy that community groups want to raise."

HILL SCHOOLS SCORE LOW:

"School test results of the city's third and sixth grade students in 1985 disclosed shockingly low scores in reading, writing and mathematics for the Hill's elementary and middle schools," reported the View. Daniel Webster School scored lowest in citywide testing and Starr King ranked 30th of 50 among third graders. Potrero Hill Middle School sixth graders scored lowest in the city. Concerned parents, teachers and other citizens founded the Friends of the Potrero Hill Middle School to address the problems revealed by the tests and prior indications.

THIS AND THAT:

The View editorially commended the S.F. Board of Supervisors for voting to make the city the third one in the nation to outlaw discrimination against people with AIDS . . . Hill native Sadie Meyer returned after 37 years and reminisced about life on Potrero Hill in 1915-16 when she lived at 18th and Tennessee Streets . . . An all-night celebration of Mark Twain's 150th birthday was held at the Hill Library with numbers of people reading from favorite Twain works . . . "Life on the Mississippi," a new musical based on Twain's book of the same name was scheduled to have its West Coast premiere Dec. 13, 1985 at the Hill's Julian Theatre . . . Paintings by Hill artist Ralph Anderson were being shown by Conacher Galleries . . . Two Hill youngsters, Mary Vasilogiorgis and Anthony Sean Austin, were chosen to model for the Esprit catalog . . . Potrero Middle School athletes, boys and girls, racked up another successful season in baseball and softball, reaching the playoffs . . . St. Teresa's was holding a "Save the Church" campaign to raise funds to repair the then 93-year-old structure . . . A classified ad: "I will do light housework or take care of your plants. In exchange you allow me the access to your year-round Potrero swimming pool."

AND 20 YEARS AGO:

Karen Clark, Joel and Lorin Lipski, Ruth Ann Picens and Phil DeAndrade opened "a real genuine good place to eat on our own dear residential hill. It's called Goat Hill Pizza."

— Vas Arnautoff

GETTING INVOLVED

ROSES (Residents of the Southeast Sector) met as usual on the first Thursday of the month (Dec. 7). The next meeting will be on Thurs., Jan. 4, 1996 in the Community College meeting room, downstairs, at 1800 Oakdale at Phelps.

Potrero Hill Health Center Advisory Board meets on the second Monday of each month (Dec. 11) when they will be exploring 'pro-active' outreach strategies for dealing with the expected shortfall of federal and local funding. Your ideas are urgently requested. Meetings are held at the Center, 1050 Wisconsin St., 6-7 p.m.

Potrero Hill Parents Assn. will be holding a Potluck Brunch on Saturday, Dec. 16, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Jackson Park Rec Center, Arkansas & Mariposa Sts. All are welcome. Call 241-8820 for more info.

Potrero Hill Democratic Club, which usually meets the second Tuesday of the month will not meet in December. The next meeting will be on Jan. 9 at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St., 7 p.m.

PLAN (Potrero League of Active Neighbors) will meet in Executive Committee this month. (Call Elizabeth for details.) Next month's regular public meeting will take place as usual, on the third Wednesday (Jan. 17) at the Jackson Park Rec Center, Arkansas & Mariposa Sts, 7:30 p.m. PLAN also announces that singers are wanted to join in a caroling stroll in the neighborhood Dec. 12, starting from the Potrero Hill Library, 1616 20th at 6:30 p.m., strolling down to 18th Street, a few blocks east, and return. Co-sponsors with PLAN are Potrero Hill Parents Assn., St. Gregory's Church and Friends of the Library. For more info call Elizabeth, 826-6359, or the participating group of your choice.

S.F. General Hospital Community Meeting will not be held in December. Next meeting: Jan. 16, in Carr Auditorium, 22nd St. at San Bruno, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Watch for your January mailer.

Starr King Park Board meets on the second Wednesday of the month (Dec. 13) in the Potrero Hill Library meeting room, 1616-20th St., 7 p.m. The January meeting will be on Jan. 10th. The public is invited to participate in the ongoing development of a master plan for the park (extending from Carolina & 23rd Sts., north and west.)

Potrero Hill Boosters & Merchants will not hold their regular meeting in December. Instead, they invite the public to join them in a no-host Holiday Brunch — food and drink — at the newly opened "Thinkers Cafe," 1631-20th St., Sunday, Dec. 10 from 11 a.m. til 2 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Jan. 30 in the Potrero Hill Library meeting room, 1616-20th St., 7:30 p.m.

Friends of McKinley Square have suspended public meetings until final approval of the plans and budget by Rec/Park. Call Joan Anthony, 821-7279 for more info.



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Hill Holiday Feast Now Draws Citywide Attention

By Lysa Allman

Although many of us have come to expect Thanksgiving to be fun, football, and lots of food every year, a Potrero Hill holiday tradition remembers that there are those who are not always as fortunate.

On Thanksgiving Day, Alison Dance, owner of Asimakopoulos Cafe, and more than 40 volunteers served their annual Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixin's to some 600 people at St. Teresa's Church. This is the seventh year that Dance and volunteers have "commissioned" community purveyors, family members, friends and volunteers to donate time, money and food to this steadily growing sit-down dinner.

As a restaurant owner with a background in community service, Dance thought "it would be a good idea" to give back to the community. Started in 1989, the dinner was originally held at Asimakopoulos. Outgrowing the location after two years, Dance spoke to members of St. Teresa's Church, and the dinner was moved to their basement where it has continued to grow.

Although the dinner was held in Potrero Hill, letters and flyers for it were distributed throughout the city; Hospitality House in the Tenderloin, San Francisco General Hospital, various

clinics and schools, areas populated by the homeless, and the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House were among the many outreach sites. This was the second year the group also worked with Little Brothers, Friends of the Elderly, providing several hundred meals to elderly shut-ins who were unable to travel to the church. In addition, a shuttle bus provided transportation between the Tenderloin Hospitality House and St. Teresa's.

When asked how they ascertain how much food will be needed, Dance replied, "We just make more every year. We have come close to running out of food, but not yet." Not only were they able to feed all dinner guests and shut-ins, but also provided dinner for the entire Potrero Police Station, sent some people home with "goodie bags," and forwarded a surplus in donations to local neighborhood organizations. "There are no restrictions on who comes and takes what," Dance noted. "I learned from the missionaries that you don't put restrictions on services. Nothing is wasted. Whatever is left over goes to the community."

Books, clothes, household goods and toys were also donated and given away. Besides running Asimakopoulos Cafe, Dance and sister Andrea recently opened Arriba Tacqueria, in the former 18th Street Hillside Deli spot.

Rumored Changes in Police Station Jurisdictions 'Premature', Says PD

"Premature" is how Potrero Police Station Captain Tim Hettrick described speculations in a local daily that the department is considering handing Potrero Hill to Southern Station once its new Bayview Station is up and running.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held last month at the new site, near the intersection of Williams and Newhall. Once completed the new station will replace the aging Potrero Station, a converted turn-of-the-century medical facility.

While police officials said they are looking into the possibility of redrawing

police district lines to fit the new geography of the department, they stressed no plans have been made.

"These ideas are there all the time," said Hettrick. "It's something obviously we'll look at with the new station and all. No decisions have been made about that at all."

The police Planning Division's Captain Heather Fong said while division staffers were beginning preliminary studies of "staffing changes" with the new station, that no decision would be made by police administration regarding redistricting without community input.



Active Hill residents Mickey and Rosemarie Ostler were busy on Thanksgiving Day dishing up dinner to the hundreds of guests at the community feast at St. Teresa's Church.

Judy Baston photo

'No Witnesses' to Shooting At Four Way Market

Investigations are continuing into the murder of Ronnie Hodges, Jr., despite the absence of a video tape that could positively identify the suspect in the killing.

Hodges was shot to death inside the Four Way Market, 1800-23rd St. at Arkansas, on Nov. 8 at approximately 3:30 p.m. Police said there were "five or six" witnesses to the slaying, but that "none will come forth to give a statement."

Police say the gunman fired on Hodges twice and missed before chasing him into the market.

"The suspect then chased the victim into the store, passed the counter where the owner was standing, shot four times in the store and then turned around and ran out," said Police Inspector Napoleon Hendricks. Hendricks said the bullet that killed Hodges entered through his back and pierced his heart.

Mohamed Nasser, the store owner, noted Hendricks, "is saying he didn't see anything." When police arrived they also found the store's videotape recorder empty of a cassette.

"My feeling is that the owner didn't want to be a witness to anything," said Hendricks, who notes the suspect had to pass Nasser twice in going into and out of the store. Hendricks said that he was unhappy with Nasser's response to the crime and that he was "trying not to think about him."

But for his part, Nasser said his store's video security system was "dusty inside" and had been unused for some time. "I don't know nothing. I don't see nothing," said Nasser. "I heard the shots but I don't know who did it."

Hendricks speculated the motive for the attack may have been revenge on Hodges, who had also been arrested for the shooting of another man "about a month" before his death.

Although Hendricks would not reveal the name of the suspect, the *SF Weekly*, in its Nov. 22 issue, identified him as Jerry Banks. Hodges, police said, served time in prison and was on parole when he was murdered.

— M.M.

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Narcotics Anonymous Wednesdays, 8:00pm

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Mini-park

ACTIVITIES & SERVICES:

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• Arts and Crafts

• Food Distribution

• Gang Prevention

• Girls/Boys Club

• Graffiti Paint Out

• Juvenile Probation

• Home Supervision

• Peer Counseling

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• Senior Nutrition Program

• Social Development Center

• Tutoring Program

• Youth Employment

• MYEEP/SYETP

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SFPD Housing Force Deactivated Through Lack Of Federal Funds; 'Bureaucratic Shuffle' Blamed

By Michael Mattis

The San Francisco Police Department's Housing Authority Task Force has officially been deactivated, although its officers remain on patrol for the time being. "We were somewhat shocked when we got the news," said Task Force leader Lieutenant George Stasko, whose 23 officers patrolled the city's 21 public housing developments, including Potrero Terrace and Annex. "We have turned our task over to the police department

at large as per the Chief and the Mayor."

The unit's deactivation came after San Francisco Housing Authority Executive Director Shirley Thornton decided her agency could no longer afford to pay the annual \$1.6 million to the police department for Task Force protection, according to Housing Authority spokesperson Ron Sonnenshine.

"The funds originally were from one pot of (federal) money that basically dried up and we didn't have another reservoir available," said Sonnenshine. "There was this question, 'What do we

do?', and there weren't any funds here at the agency that even came close.

"It's basically a bureaucratic shuffle in Washington," said Sonnenshine, who blames the current fiscal crisis at the federal level for the loss of Task Force funding.

Though still together and operating out of its offices at 850 Bryant St., the unit is now in what Sergeant Ed Dullea calls a "bureaucratic limbo" as Task Force officers await their new assignments. Stasko says he thinks his officers will be farmed out to the district stations where they will help train beat officers in Task Force community policing strategies. Neither Stasko nor Potrero District Captain Tim Hettrick could say if Potrero Station would get any former Task Force officers.

Task Force officers said their community policing strategies have built a more respectful relationship between themselves and the people they police in the city's public housing developments. "But we can't teach (district officers) who's who out there," said Stasko, "They have to get out there and do it themselves."

One program the Task Force hopes will not be cut, according to Stasko, is Operation DREAM. One of the building blocks of the Task Force's community policing efforts, Operation DREAM (Diversified Response to Education Activities and Mentorship), takes public housing kids, after they have attended a workshop on a topic like conflict resolution or values, on field trips to places like Clear Lake and Yosemite. "We don't want to give up on that, especially right now in the middle of our Christmas toy drive," said Stasko, who thinks the program will continue.

Stasko noted the Community Resource Center, scheduled to open on Potrero Terrace sometime in December, would not be affected by the Task Force's deactivation. The Resource Center, which is to combine police services with health, drug rehabilitation, and recreation services, is funded by a special Housing and Urban Development grant

through its Drug Elimination Program, which was not effected by cuts.

Stasko also said, however, that a group he described as gangsters from Bernal Dwellings threw a party to celebrate the Task Force's deactivation. Stasko said his unit has responded to the possibility of increased criminal activity in the developments by heightening the intensity of its patrols and "hitting targeted areas for the drugs and crimes of violence and the guns."

"We're going to leave something for the gangsters to remember us by," said Stasko.

Hettrick said Potrero Station is preparing to take up the slack left by the Task Force's deactivation. "My patrol cars are going into the developments on a daily basis," said Hettrick. "They're signing in two and three times a day, talking to the managers, seeing what's going on."

Hettrick also said he's looking into "increased citizen involvement," coordinating "patrol units with people in the developments and the people in the surrounding areas."

Citizen Patrols Watch Potrero and Portola Areas

Sam Brannan and his Committee of Vigilance may have passed long ago into the shadows of history, but their legacy of citizen involvement has been passed down to a group of concerned residents on Potrero Hill and in the Portola Valley.

Beginning in January, nightly Community Patrols composed of private citizens will cruise the Hill scouting for trouble. Instead of six-shooters and rope, the patrols will be armed with cellular phones by which they will report trouble directly to Potrero Station.

"We live in a crime ridden part of the city," said Paulo Pontonierre, who is helping the patrol's start-up efforts on the Hill. "Your best interest is to take care of your own neighborhood." Sponsored by Potrero District Police, the patrols began in the Portola Valley area, where up to four squads of civilians now patrol nightly, according to Pontonierre.

"The neighborhood is a lot cleaner," said Portola resident and patrol squad leader, Carlos Deza, who leads a patrol one week every month. "People are more educated to look out for things they never paid attention to before and to report things they didn't want to get involved in before."

Deza also said assault and robbery were down in the Portola Valley area because

of the patrols.

According to Potrero District officer Julie Ann Lynch, about 80 people are involved in the Portola Valley patrols. There are six or seven squads made up of three to five people each. In addition to cellular phones, cars carry a police scanner to keep patrols abreast of events in their area while they're on the streets.

An officer is detailed each night to be available to the squad, in addition to his or her regular duties, and citizen volunteers are trained by police on how to avoid conflict and make accurate reports on what they see, said Pontonierre. "Community Patrol does not enforce any law, it can just report," Pontonierre continued. "We'll not get involved in, or create, any critical situation."

Members of the Potrero Hill group went out on a training run Dec. 4 with the veteran Portola patrol - which has been patrolling for about a year.

Pontonierre is working with Potrero police Captain Tim Hettrick to organize a series of public meetings to encourage citizen involvement, which, Pontonierre said, now involves 30 Hill dwellers. The first meeting is to be held in conjunction with the Dec. 13 meeting at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House. Hettrick said he hopes the program will spread city-wide by the end of next year. — M.M.

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Hill Meeting Focuses On Local Juvenile Crime Issue

By Michael Mattis

Calls for greater community involvement in the lives of young people punctuated the dialogue of a well attended citizen meeting at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House Nov. 15.

The meeting was called to discuss juvenile crime on the Hill after a Carolina Street woman and her children were robbed outside their home by a group of gun-toting youths.

"It takes a whole village to make a child," said the School District's Willie B. Santamaria at the meeting. Santamaria pointed to the loss of community values and the loss of values placed on young people as being at the core of not only the Hill's struggle with juvenile crime, but juvenile crime all over.

The crowd, which included residents from all over the Hill as well as Supervisors Tom Ammiano and Sue Bierman, San Francisco Housing Authority Executive Director Shirley Thornton, Leland Yee of the Board of Education, School Principals Thomas Alexander of Starr King and David Wong of Daniel Webster, and Officers Julie Ann Lynch and Yolanda Williams of Potrero Station, agreed with Santamaria but failed to reach a consensus as to how best to deal with Potrero Hill's seeming increase in juvenile crime.

Director Thornton noted the decrease in activities for young people, from diminished Recreation and Park Department activities to the schools' loss of scouting as contributing factors to juvenile delinquency. Truancy was also a major concern of the parents and educators present and it was noted that the police department does not currently have any truant officers on staff due to budgetary problems.

Responding to Thornton's comment that "the idle mind is the devil's workshop," Potrero Hill business owners Kymbil Edwards and Randy Bushner touched on the idea of creating youth involvement through vocational and craftsmanship training.

"I come from a sordid background myself," said Edwards in an interview after the meeting. "Now, nine years later, I have my own business and I employ several people. As a part of this community I would be willing to do some work with other people and open my studio to perhaps create a project to work with the kids, to teach some basic skills."

Supervisor Ammiano at the meeting called for support of the new Youth Commission, voted into existence in the November elections, and for creating a "public health model" of crime prevention rather than on enforcement's "punitive model."

Officers Lynch and Williams said that, despite appearances, violent crime was actually down citywide and that Potrero District Station could expect 25 new officers from a pool of 200 now graduating from the police academy.

"Community involvement is the key to making this a better place," said Lynch.

Another meeting to discuss the issue is scheduled at the Nabe for Wednesday Dec. 13.

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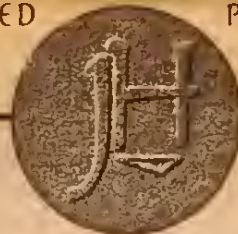
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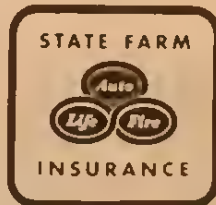
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The "49 Years of 49ers Fan Contest," sponsored by Foghorn Press, brought several hundred responses to the Dellaro Street publishing firm, and among the top 49 was Hill resident Doris Walker! As a winner, Doris was feted at a tailgate barbeque at the Niners vs. Bills' game Dec. 3, and received a Foghorn Press 49er book. Many of the 49er alumni in attendance autographed her book — including alum and former Potrero Hiller Joe Perry.

Cigarette smokers are invited to a free workshop on how to quit smoking, Sat., Dec. 16, 1-2:30 p.m. at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro St. Organizers of this workshop promise you will not be pressured to quit smoking, but it will cover tobacco information, self-help methods and specific skills that you can use when you decide it's time to quit. You must be a smoker to attend, and class size is limited. There is no registration fee. Gift certificates to Safeway will be given to those who attend. Sponsored by the PHNH, SF Dept. of Public Health and the American Lung Assn. of S.F. and San Mateo Counties. Call Scott Thomas at 994-5864 if you have questions.

The FatChanceBellyDance, in association with Theater Artaud and the California Arts Council, presents "The Gypsy Trail" Dec. 15, 16 & 17, 450 Florida St. Curtain is at 8 p.m. There is a charge of \$15.50 at the door. For more info call 647-6035.

The California Palace of the Legion of Honor in Lincoln Park offers free admission all day on the second Wednesday of each month. A comprehensive schedule of exhibitions and activities include the museum information Hot Line, 863-3330. The Legion is open Tuesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. except on the first Saturday of the month, when it remains open until 8:45 p.m. Admission is \$6, adults; \$4, seniors; \$3 youths 12-17; children under 12 are admitted free.



A Holiday Drawing Marathon, presented by the Bay Area Models' Guild, takes place Sunday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., and 1:30 - 4:30 p.m., at 953 De Haro St. This full day of non-stop drawing offers 25 models, draped and figured. All funds raised from these annual marathons are used to keep this models' co-op in operation, especially during this time when public arts funding is drying up. For more info call 292-7360.

Dec. 10-17 is proclaimed "Not in Our Town Week," and a special program will be seen on PBS-TV stations Dec. 17 at 10:30 p.m. (EST) check the local listing. The story highlights people in Billings, Montana who joined together to stand up for their Jewish and Native American neighbors when they were under attack by white supremacists, and shows the important role that labor, religious groups, law enforcement, and the media took in fighting intolerance.

Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia St., features Potrero Hill published Steve Rees, who will discuss with parents how to choose a public school in the city. His company has just published guide books to Bay Area elementary and high schools, which talk about the parents' right to choose, how to conduct background research on schools, and other tips to help make a selection. The event takes place Tues., Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

December concerts at the Old First Church, 1751 Sacramento St. includes "Klezmania!" on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m. This concert will celebrate Hanukh with a performance of a variety of traditional Yiddish and Eastern European folk songs. Tickets are \$9 gen. admission, \$7 for students and seniors. Call 474-1608 for more info.

The Craftsman's Guild and Calif. Heritage Gallery's exhibition through Jan. 20, 1996 is called "A Passion for Nature Exhibition Series," at 300 DeHarro St. There are works of traditional landscape paintings by contemporary masters, and Arts and Crafts Period Sterling Silver, hand-wrought silver by Ruth Rhoten. The gallery is open Tues-Sat., 11-5 p.m.

The S.F. Girls Chorus is auditioning girls ages 7-12 to become members and learn to perform classical, opera and folk music. Scholarships are available for those unable to pay all or part of tuition. For info and audition appointments call 673-1511.

Goat Hill Pizza announces that an artist's reception for Letitia Waller — whose paintings and works in mixed media portray "women's spirituality" — will be held Sunday, Dec. 10, from 2-4 p.m. at 300 Connecticut St. at 18th. For more info call Wynn Newberry, 641-1440.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks through many city-based organizations. For instance: American Assn. of Retired Persons (AARP) suggests that if you like numbers and people you should sign up now for classes in January, 1996 that will prepare you for the tax season. The only requirement is a willingness to volunteer at least four hours each week, Feb. 1-Apr. 15, helping low and moderate income taxpayers over 60 prepare their tax returns. For more info call 334-7072.

* And the San Francisco Food Bank needs volunteers on Monday, Dec. 18, 6 a.m.-6 p.m. to help raise much needed food for the city's hungry. They are especially looking for volunteers to accept food donations, wear food drive costumes, and even skate on the Disney on Ice Rink. Call Shawn Reifsteck at 957-1076.

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health care industry toward the concept of managed care. This is a way of reducing the cost of premiums by slashing the level of care and choices available to most patients covered by insurance, as well as cutting back drastically on the amount that health providers — including pharmacies — are reimbursed for services and medicines.

The only pharmacies that have been able to survive the growing trend towards managed care and Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) are the huge chains, which are able to purchase medications in such volume that their costs are low enough to match the low reimbursements they receive.

As premiums get further reduced for employers that seek to pay less for their workers' health care, and as government slashes health care funding for the poor, "payments to providers like us have become so low that it's more economical for us not to fill a prescription than to fill it," Cliff explained.

He gave an example of this perverse equation: It cost him \$6.14 for 16 ounces of generic Actifed — \$1.53 for four ounces. And yet Medi-Cal reimbursed him only 79 cents for that four ounces. Even if a doctor had prescribed a name brand medicine, Medi-Cal would reimburse only for generic versions, and far less than the cost to the Wongs. They estimate that some 35 percent of their customers were covered by Medi-Cal.

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Cliff had served on an ad hoc committee dealing with city health maintenance plans and had learned of an ominous change in health coverage for poor youngsters covered under Aid to Families With Dependent Children. Instead of specifying reimbursements for various kinds of health care or medicines, the proposed new system would allot funds reflecting a flat amount per child, which would have to cover everything, including any hospital stays, lab work, medications and doctor visits. If there were an epidemic or if funds were to dry up, it would be even worse for poor patients and their health providers than it is now.

"With everything that's already happening, and everything that's being proposed in the name of cutting costs, it would be even harder to make a living than before," Cliff admitted sadly.



Bernice and Cliff Wong, with their sons Jeff and Mike, who also worked at Atchison's Drugs, relax for a moment during a busy workday.

Parking

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the majority of attendees were against the program, most of the attendees who spoke before the Commission Nov. 21 were either in favor of the program or requested inclusion in the RPPP boundaries. One 15-year resident of the area referred to her street as "SFGH's parking lot," and added, "We're looking forward to having our streets back," speaking for her neighbors as well as herself.

Still, there was some dissent. One resident opposed to the program, echoing a sentiment from the previous community meeting, referred to it as "carefully orchestrated extortion." Many resident at that earlier meeting had charged that City government and SFGH were in collusion to squeeze money from residents and hospital employees through fees for parking permits

and the hospital garage.

DPT instigated the RPPP in 1991 in response to petitions signed by 288 area residents requesting inclusion in the program. Residents who wish to have their blocks either added or deleted from the program are urged to send their petitions to the DPT as soon as possible to ensure consideration before the matter comes before the Board of Supervisors.



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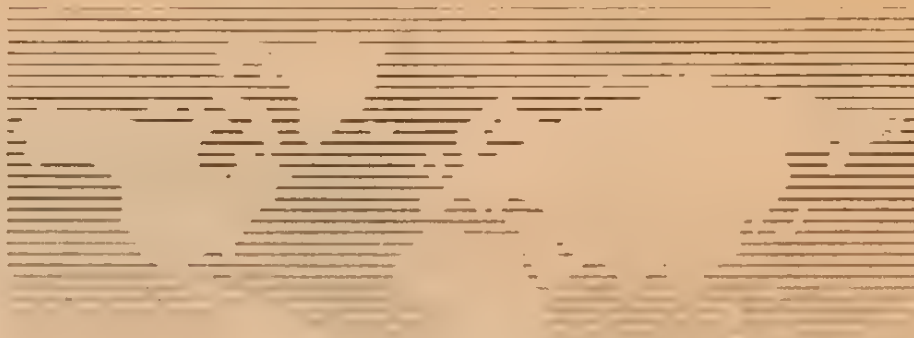
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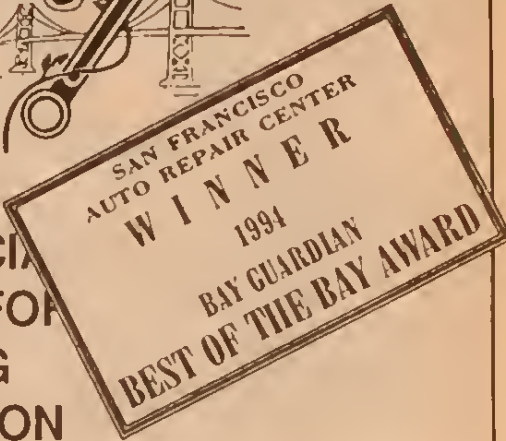
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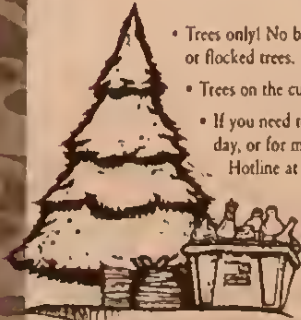
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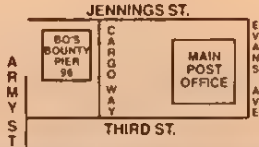
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